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said terminals being operable to communicate with the server, and further wherein the server is operable to collect performance information on users who play the game at on any of the terminals and to send user ranking information to each of the terminals.--

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REMARKS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 12-18 have been added. Thus, claims 12-18 are pending for further examination.

The drawing has been objected to as failing to include appropriate symbols for the boxes therein. In response, Applicant has filed herewith a proposed drawing correction which adds the appropriate symbols to the boxes. Approval of the proposed drawing corrections and withdrawal of the objection thereto are respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been object to for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Applicant has submitted a new Abstract herewith.

Approval of the new Abstract and withdrawal of this objection are also respectfully requested.

Applicant has also added a new Title for the application which is believed to more clearly indicate the subject matter being claimed in this application. Approval of the new Title is requested.

The claims have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the numerous reasons identified by the Examiner in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. In response, Applicant has cancelled the original claims and added new claims 12-18. The new claims are believed to fully comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

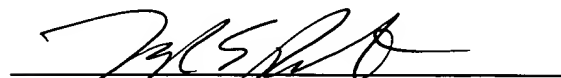
Applicant believes that all of the objection and rejections in the Office Action have been fully addressed and overcome. Thus, favorable

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reconsideration of this application and allowance of the new claims herein  
are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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